

Transforming Nuneaton – A444 Wheat Street Junction Improvement: Progress Update June

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Overview

The works for the A444 Wheat Street Junction Improvement scheme continue.

We are pleased to report that over the past four weeks; the following works have commenced and continue to be undertaken:

- Services diversionary works, for example electricity, water and telecoms
- Widening on Wheat Street (east of Vicarage Street)
- Excavation for rain garden drainage systems
- Installation of drainage infrastructure on northern and southern Vicarage Street
- CBR testing on Wheat Street (west of Vicarage Street)

Warwickshire County Council continue to work collaboratively with the demolition team working on Justice Walk, ensuring minimal disruptions in Nuneaton.

Warwickshire County Council and MJ Church jointly extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to all residents, businesses and visitors for their patience and co-operation as these works progress.

Proposed General Arrangement for Works

Figure 1 indicates the general areas that are referred to throughout this report, with reference to the location of completed works.

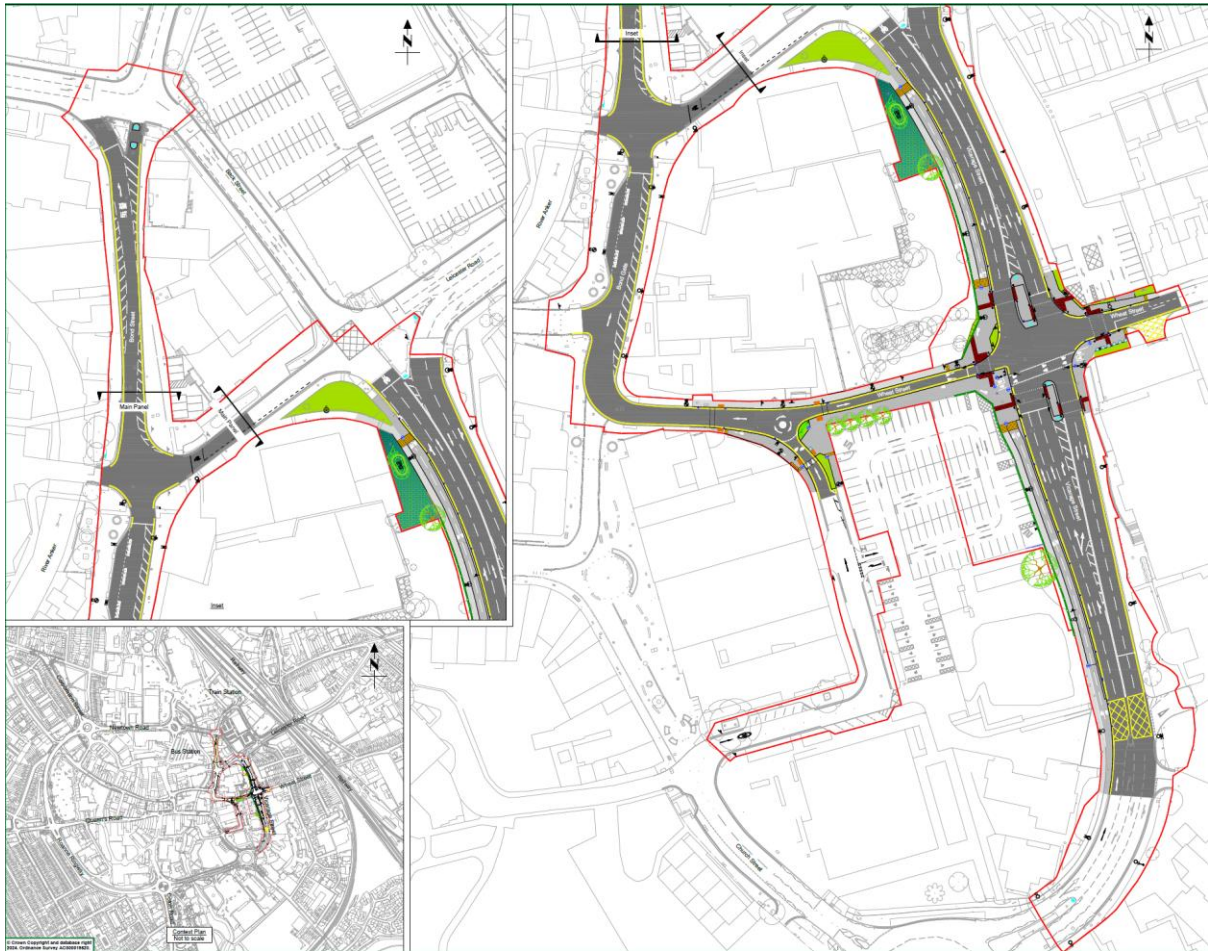


Figure 1: Proposed General Arrangement for Works

Progress to Date

Traffic Management

Traffic management measures remain in place around the site.

Footway closures are still in place on the western footway of Vicarage Street, and Wheat Street (east and west of Vicarage Street). Alternative pedestrian routes have been provided where it has been necessary to close footways. These measures ensure safety of pedestrians by providing them with clearly signed and connected routes.

The protective barrier system has been replaced by MJ Church along Vicarage Street. The updated barrier system continues to support the traffic management plans that have been implemented for the duration of the works. This ensures that the existing number of running lanes is maintained here.



We consciously aim to maintain traffic flow on the A444 throughout the works to reduce the impacts of congestion within Nuneaton. Given these provisions, the off-peak lane closure on Vicarage Street is only being utilised when necessary.

At present, Wheat Street, to the east and west of Vicarage Street, is closed to vehicles and these closures are expected to remain in place until Winter 2026. Off peak lane closures on Vicarage Street continue to be utilised throughout the works, when necessary. Pedestrian diversions are also being maintained as required.

From 31st July, there will be weekend road closures along Justice Walk, particularly at its junction with Wheat Street.

Vicarage Street

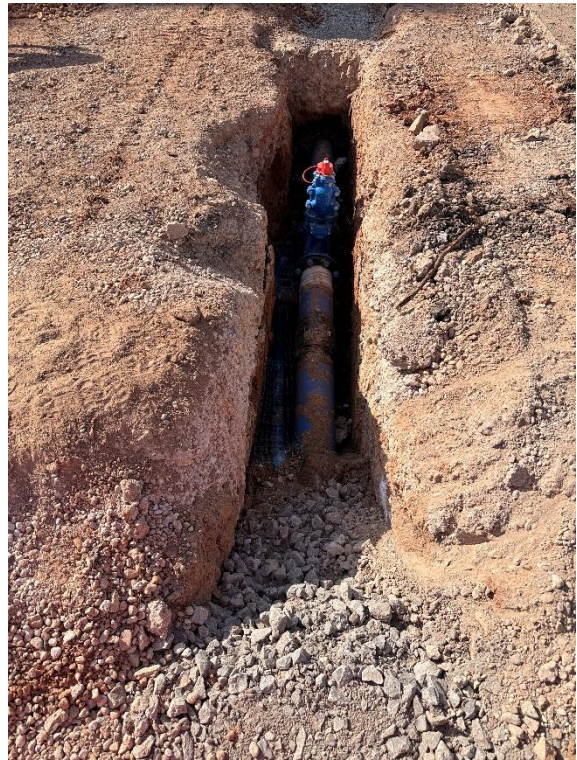
Installation of drainage infrastructure continues along Vicarage Street.



On the northwest footway of Vicarage Street, excavation of the ground is in progress to facilitate the installation of the sustainable rain garden drainage infrastructure.



Severn Trent Water diversionary works are progressing well.



In preparation for diversionary works that are to be undertaken by National Grid Energy Distribution, the Vacuum Excavator has been used to dig trenches required for the work.



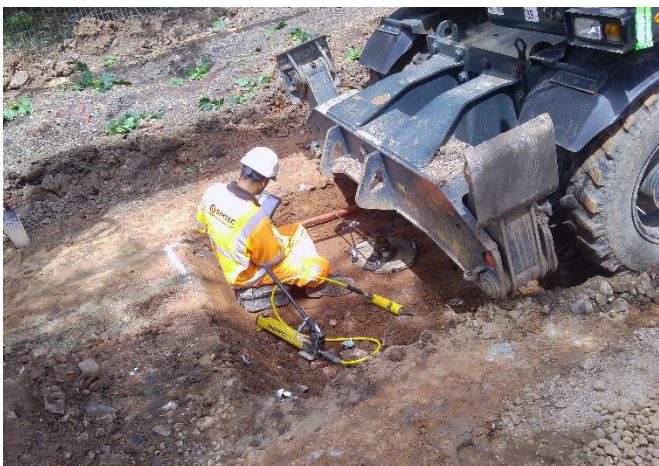
Wheat Street (East of Vicarage Street)

Road widening in this area has commenced.



Wheat Street (West of Vicarage Street) / Justice Walk / Bond Gate

As part of the earthworks activities, CBR testing has been completed along Wheat Street (west of Vicarage Street).



Upcoming Works

Over the coming month of July 2026, the following works are expected to take place.

- Continued installation of drainage infrastructure
- Continued Statutory Undertaker diversion works
- Commencement of earthworks on Wheat Street (west of Vicarage Street)
- Commencement of earthworks at the junction of Justice Walk and Wheat Street